

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

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14th April, 2026

Dear Councillor

There will be a meeting of Presteigne and Norton Town Council on **Monday 20th April 2026 at 7.00 p.m.** at the **East Radnorshire Day Centre, Scottleton Street, Presteigne** and via video conferencing and you are hereby summoned to attend.

The public and press are cordially invited to attend.

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Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda SUBJECT TO PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO THE CLERK AND THE CONSENT OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Yours sincerely

Tracey Price

TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities

(Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008 and the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To approve that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March, 2026 are a true and accurate record and authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes as such.

4. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ITEMS AND CLERKS REPORT

From the Meeting of 16th March. Also to receive the Clerk's Report for April.

5. FINANCE

a) Donations: To approve the following donations –

Air Ambulance	250.00
East Radnorshire Care	2000.00
Memorial Hall	1500.00
Mid Border Arts	2000.00
(Presteigne and) Norton Community Trust (Norton Community Hub Trust)	2000.00
PACDG	300.00
Presteigne Festival	1500.00
The Judge's Lodging Trust Ltd	2000.00
Powys CAB	250.00
The Samaritans	250.00
Youth Project	1200.00
Presteigne YFC	750.00
Knighton & Presteigne Leg Club	200.00

All above as precepted.

b) Payments: to approve the following payments:-

Artisan Print (car park poster)	£9.72
SLCC (membership)	£316.00
One Voice Wales (membership)	£641.00
Microsoft (storage)	£19.99
British Gas Lite	£16.67
Amazon Uk (Replacement RADAR Lock)	£114.89
NEST (pension payment)	£155.40
Mrs T.A. Price	£1666.04
HM Revenue & Customs	£735.61
Highground Maintenance Ltd	£469.96 MEADOW ACCOUNT
EDF Energy (Meadow)	£16.99 MEADOW ACCOUNT
EDF Energy (Hereford Street Toilets)	£70.30
T. Lloyd-John	£498.49
Lyreco (toilet rolls)	£81.60
Zoom (annual licence)	£167.88
Defib Warehouse (replacement batteries)	£182.40
N. Close	£88.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close	£184.00
HSBC (Bank charges)	£2.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Presteigne Building Supplies (allotments)	£26.44 MEADOW ACCOUNT

c) To note the following receipts:

Allotment Rent £298.00 (2025-26 Accounts)
Allotment Rent £30.00 (2026-27 Accounts)
Allotment Plot Deposits £60.00 (2026-27 Accounts)

d) Approval of Annual Accounts 2025-26.

e) To note completion of end of year VAT return, HMRC information and Councillor Remuneration Payments Return.

f) Budget Update/Review of Allocated Reserves to end of March, 2026.

g) Allocation of Mayor's Expenses 2025-26: To confirm allocations. (Cllr. Edwards).

- £600 Clock Fund Norton
- £ Sign (**to be confirmed**)
- £ To Tidy up Best kept village sign and phone box Defib (**to be confirmed**)

Amounts to be confirmed at meeting.

h) Renewal of Money Market Bond: To consider renewal of the Money Market Bond for a further 3/6/12 month period.

6. PLANNING

(a) To consider applications received:

26/0334/FUL Grid Reference: E:331656 N: 264598 Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling (former dwelling demolished) and new structural external support to gable of adjacent listed building (Tan House) and all associated works Site Address: The Old Laundry , Broad Street, Presteigne, LD8 2AG.

26/0335/LBC Grid Reference: E:331656 N: 264598 Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling (former dwelling demolished) and new structural external support to gable of adjacent listed building (Tan House) Site Address: The Old Laundry , Broad Street, Presteigne, LD8 2AG.

26/0302/CAC Grid Reference: E:331205 N: 264652 Proposal: Demolition of a blockwork retaining wall and raised ground fill Site Address: 4 Scottleton Street, Presteigne, LD8 2BG.

26/0301/LBC Grid Reference: E:331205 N: 264652 Proposal: Internal and external works to include repair of masonry and demolition of retaining wall Site Address: 4 Scottleton Street, Presteigne, LD8 2BG.

26/0338/LBC Grid Reference: E:331126 N: 264822 Proposal: Installation of solar panels on roof of garage /workshop Site Address: The Old Mill , Mill Lane, Presteigne, LD8 2ES.

26/0337/HH Grid Reference: E:331126 N: 264822 Proposal: Installation of solar panels on roof of garage/workshop Site Address: The Old Mill , Mill Lane, Presteigne, LD8 2ES.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PLANNING APPLICATIONS MAY BE RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA AND MAY BE ADDED DUE TO THE TIGHT TIMESCALE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS.
. SEE THE TOWN COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE OR THE PLANNING PAGE ON THE COUNCIL SECTION OF THE TOWN WEBSITE FOR LATEST APPLICATIONS.

(b) Planning Decisions: To note the following decisions –

(c) TPO Submissions: Update by Cllr. Baynam.

(d) Update re. Nant Mithil Energy Park Ltd.

7. HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

a) Dark Skies Project: To receive an update on recent matters.

b) Climate and Environment Matters:

- To receive an update on any relevant matters. (Cllr. J. Ramsay) \
- To note letter from Welsh Government on the Nature Recovery Plan for Wales.
- Invitation to Mowley Valley Project Friday 03 July.
- National Emergency Briefing (for info see <https://www.nebriefing.org/>).

c) Fold Farm DMMO Application: To receive any update. Clerk's Report 3.

d) Car Parking: Free Days Update.

e) High Street Grant Update.

f) Reply from Welsh Water. See Clerk's Report 4.

g) Update re. Highways Site meeting and reply on condition of local roads from Portfolio Holder (inc in electronic meeting papers).

h) Letter from Welshpool Town Council re. car parks and parking in Powys.

i) Ongoing use of by-pass car park (Cllr. Baynham).

j) Reply re. Pound Lane. See Clerk's Report 8.

k) To consider use of £1000 street cleaning allocation.

8. NORTON

a) To consider any village matters.

9. SITES AND BUILDINGS MATTERS

a) Public Conveniences: Updates –

- Wilson Terrace Block now open.
- New RADAR Lock at Wilson Terrace.
- Recent blockage at Hereford Street repaired.

b) Allotments: To receive an update on any outstanding matters from the Clerk.

- Plots now all let.
- One rental payment overdue.
- Application for allotment – applicant from outside PNTC area.

c) Meadows: To include –

- Removal of Gel Dispenser, Outdoor Gym (Clerk's Report 3).
- Report on Meeting with Scout Group Leader (Cllr. Edwards)
- To discuss repairs needed to Giant Picnic Bench.
- Reminder re. work day – 25th April.
- Items for next Sites and Buildings Committee (planned for 11th May).

d) Nature Reserve Matters: To receive a general update from Cllr. J. Ramsay and consider any decisions needed.

10. CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

a) Leisure Services Review: Update on meeting with Portfolio Holder by Cllr. Baynham.

b) Adoption of Telephone Kiosk: Update. Also to consider insurance.

c) Update re UK Town of Culture Competition and to note thanks from the bid team for Town Council support.

d) Cross Border Health Joint Meeting - Report. (Cllr. Edwards).

11. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

12. ANY URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION (at discretion of Chair)

Enc. Clerk's Report April. Minutes from 16th March, 2026. ther background papers.

PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

CLERK'S REPORT – APRIL 2026

1. Free Car Parking Days: As discussed these started on 4th April. Publicity was via the local press, our TC facebook page, website, community news, farmer's market and posters on notice boards and in shops. PCC will be putting a notice on the ticket machine
2. Town Council Facebook: This has been going for some years now and given the need for publicity on the free parking I thought it would be useful to provide you with some current figures. For the parking post for example there were 15 shares within 24 hours and there were 2609 views to the TC page the day of the post. The Council page currently has 816 followers. Of course nothing is perfect but at the moment this seems to be an effective, free and quick tool for reaching the public. INFORMATION ONLY.
3. Gel Dispenser, Outdoor Gym: Following a query last month I have double checked the dispenser and it is quite blocked again. This is due to lack of use. Should it be removed and out in storage for the time being?
4. Welsh Water and Phosphates etc: As requested I made enquiries with WW and received the following reply – *'See attached our current and most recent response to 26/0229/FUL, which hopefully should appear on the Council's website soon. As for the response to 25/0420/FUL, I can only assume our objection was a snapshot in time given the WwTW was non-compliant with its final effluent standards, namely flow passed forward (FPF) performance, with no known scheme to rectify at the time. It appears the FPF performance of Presteigne WwTW has now recovered since the turn of the year which can explain why our response now offers no objection, subject to recommended condition and advisory notes. Hope this information is of assistance.'* A copy of the consultee response to 26/0229/FUL is attached.
5. Community Payback Team have re-stated outdoor works and on the first day covered - Weeds removed from Ligne Garden gravel area, Tennis courts weeded, Grass cut around scout hut, Weeds removed at skate park, Stage grass cut, Underneath trees cut, Allotments and car park cut. INFORMATION ONLY.
6. Letter from Welshpool Town Council: Received on 20th March as follows – I am writing to share that Welshpool Town Council has recently approved a 26-week trial of free Saturday parking at PCC owned Church Street Car Park, running from April to September 2026, which we are badging as a "Pay What You Can" initiative (with parking remaining free and any contributions entirely voluntary). This follows a short pilot during the Christmas period, where we sought to gather evidence on the impact of removing parking charges. Whilst car park usage did not show a clear visual increase during that period, we undertook a business survey which returned very strong positive feedback, with over 80% of respondents reporting increased footfall, longer dwell time, and improved trading conditions. As you may be aware, there is increasing discussion across Powys around parking and town centre vitality with other towns also pursuing the free parking model offered by Powys. However, a key constraint we have encountered is that Powys County Council will only permit full suspension of charges, rather than alternative tariff models, which limits the flexibility of town and community councils to design locally appropriate solutions.
As part of our Council's resolution, I have been asked to engage with other towns in Powys to:
 - understand whether similar concerns are being experienced locally;
 - share evidence and learning from our trial; and
 - explore whether there is merit in a collective approach to Powys County Council regarding parking policy, particularly around flexibility and economic regeneration.We would be very interested to hear:
 - whether parking is a key issue for your town centre;
 - whether you have trialled or are considering similar initiatives; and
 - whether your Council would be supportive of a joint dialogue with Powys County Council on this matter.We are not proposing a fixed position at this stage, but feel there may be value in sharing experiences and, if appropriate, presenting a collective voice from town councils across Powys.

7. One Voice Wales Biodiversity Packages: Further items have been received including plug plants and 2kg of wildflower seed.

8. Reply re. Pound Lane: The usual traffic engineer is not currently at work but Traffic have provided the following reply – 'Pound Lane (the U1940 county unclassified road) is a narrow urban access road with no footway, and residents tend to park their vehicles along the south side of Pound Lane.

I note that Pound Lane is the subject of a one-way traffic regulation order (prohibiting drivers from travelling from West Wall or Mill Lane along Pound Lane to High Street), which was introduced in May 1973. I presume that the 1973 Traffic Order was made because of the limited carriageway width to permit residents to continue to park along Pound Lane and to improve pedestrian safety along that lane, with the direction of flow chosen because of the extremely restricted geometry of the junction of Pound Lane with High Street. Taking all these points into consideration, I can only conclude that the one-way order is still relevant and appropriate for Pound Lane.

Traffic exiting Pound Lane onto West Wall has priority over traffic exiting Mill Lane onto West Wall, but drivers have an obligation to travel at a speed and in a manner to suit the prevailing road conditions.

If the drivers that are travelling without due care and attention are local highway users who know the road layout, I would suggest that the appropriate response would be for the residents to keep a log of all vehicles/drivers who are driving dangerously along these lanes and report those drivers to the police so the police can take the appropriate action as 'driving without due care and attention' is a road traffic offence that only the police have powers to deal with.

If those drivers are not local drivers, and are simply unaware that they are exiting a one-way road (Pound

Lane) onto a two-way road (West Wall), we could erect a "two-way traffic ahead" warning sign  on the rear of the LHS no-entry sign at <https://maps.app.goo.gl/FiRGaVL5xmrYBVnV7> as exiting Pound lane to give those drivers the appropriate information.

If you agree that the installation of warning sign may be a partial solution to the reported concern, I will arrange for that sign to be procured and installed at our earliest opportunity.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH MARCH 2026
HELD AT NORTON COMMUNITY HUB, NORTON, PRESTEIGNE AND ALSO VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCING

Present: Cllrs. D. Edwards, (Mayor), C. Ross (Deputy Mayor), B. Baynham, T. Owens, A. Ramsay, F. Preece, C. Kirkby MBE, F.H. Fleming, L. Harling-Bowen, W.L. Poulson-Haynes, J. Ramsay, N. Rogers.

Apologies: Cllr. M. Price.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk.

Declarations of Interest: Members were requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008.

Personal:

Cllr. F. Preece, Trustee for Radnor and Presteigne Scouts, re. planned works to Scout Hut, Presteigne.

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. F. Preece, related to letter writer re. request for two-way traffic, Pound Lane.

Cllr. B. Baynham, employee of East Radnorshire Care, re. Pride in Places Grant Projects.

Prior to the start of the meeting Members heard from representatives of the group formed to submit an application for Town of Culture in 2028. The Group explained the bidding process, the work done so far and the need to designate roles in the application. These were Lead Applicant, Accountable Body and Delivery Body. It was proposed that the Town Council take on the roles of Lead Applicant and Accountable Body. The initial application needed to be in by the end of March with a decision due in the Spring. Towns taken forward to the next stage would receive £60,000 to prepare their full bid and this could cover contracting a project manager to assist with the work needed. The Group had prepared and run a short survey which had been very successful with approximately 300 replies in a two week period. A large number of the responders had been in the younger age bracket and the group was pleased to have engaged with young persons locally. The survey had produced a wide range of suggestions for activities in the area and the group felt that the responses would be useful not just for the current bid but also for future funding applications. Cllr. Edwards thanked the group for attending and advised that a decision on the role the Town Council would be willing to take would be made at the appropriate point on the agenda.

MIN 4593 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th February, 2026 were approved as a true and accurate record and the Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 4594 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ITEMS AND CLERKS REPORT

- (1) Presteigne Cemetery: Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that the trees had now been planted and a photograph sent to the Officer at the County Council.
- (2) Pollarding of Trees, Station Road and Scallions, Presteigne: Cllr. Kirkby advised that this had still not begun. The Clerk had chased this with the County Council and the Officer had confirmed he would again speak to the contractor and, if need be, would appoint someone else to do the work.
- (3) Clerk's Report: All noted and would be discussed at the appropriate point on the agenda.

MIN 4595 FINANCE

- (1) Donations: None this month.
- (2) Payments: The following payments were approved –

CleanMy	£31.49
HM Land Registry (to obtain ownership confirmation re OVW Grants)	£28.00 MEADOW ACC
NEST (pension)	£155.40
Mrs T.A. Price	£1668.44
HM Revenue & Customs	£733.21
Powys County Council (green waste bin)	£60.00
A. Jervis (community orchard pruning event)	£122.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
British Gas Lite (Wilson Terrace Toilets)	£8.49
Powys County Council (Brilliant Basics match funding – payment confirmation)	£3000.00
T. Lloyd-John (cleaning Feb)	£438.49
Highground Maintenance Ltd	£469.96 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Defib Shop (Imperative Training Ltd)	£720.00
N. Close	£120.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close	£24.00
EDF Energy (Hereford Street)	£69.55
EDF Energy (Meadow Barns)	£15.33 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Powys County Council (hire of car park)	£604.08
JHA Price & Sons (fence posts work)	£798.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT

(3) Asset Register: The Clerk answered questions on the Register as circulated with the meeting papers. Approved unchanged.

(4) Risk Assessment: Approved as circulated.

(5) Final report from the DBCC on the remuneration of Councillors: Members noted the final report and the following remuneration was confirmed for 2026-27 –

- Basic Allowance £156.00 (mandatory)
- Basic Expenses £52.00 (mandatory)
- Refund of Care Costs (mandatory)
- Travel Expenses (travel outside Council area) (optional)
- Mayor/Chairman's Allowance (set as part of budget setting each year) (optional)
- Mayor/Chairman's Expenses (set as part of budget setting each year) (optional)

(6) Budget/account for Defibrillator Spares: Members confirmed that expenses for the defibrillators were to come from the Treasurer Account and that a new budget line should be set up when considering the 2027-28 budget. It was also agreed that from 1st April the cost of the weekly inspections should come from the Treasurer account.

(7) Mayor's Request for Donations from the Balance of Expenses: Cllr. Edwards indicated that she wished to spend the balance of her allowance between Norton Community Hub Clock Appeal and a Youth group locally. Members confirmed this was acceptable. She would decide the allocation of monies for the Clerk to distribute and confirm the spending at the April meeting

(8) Receipts: The following receipt was noted:

Allotment Rent	£450.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
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MIN 4596 PLANNING

Cllr. Edwards left the room at this point due to her position on the County Council Planning Committee. Cllr. Ross took the Chair.

(1) Planning Applications: The following applications were considered –

26/0229/FUL Grid Reference: E:331339 N: 263943 Proposal: Erection of two general purpose industrial units and associated infrastructure Site Address: Plot 5, Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2UH. Members agreed to support the application but to request dark sky compliant lighting. There was some discussion on phosphates and the status of the phosphate licence held by Welsh Water and the Clerk was asked to contact the company for the current position.

Cllr. Edwards returned to the room and re-took the Chair.

(2) Planning Decisions: The following decisions was noted –

26/0005/HH Oxenbrook, Norton – Refused 13th February.

(3) TPO Submissions: No update. Cllr. Baynham had yet to meet with the Officer but would do so as soon as possible.

(4) Reply from Contaminated Land Officer re. digging on former Depot Site: Members noted that no evidence of digging had been found by the investigating officer. The video provided by the resident had been viewed also but did not show evidence of digging on the site.

MIN 4597 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) Dark Skies Project: Cllr. Harling-Bowen reported the following –

- Welsh Dark Skies Week, 13th-22nd February 2026 Welsh Dark Skies week went well. The talk titled “Saturn and some of its Moons had nearly 20 people attending. The Hereford Astronomical Society has asked for the same talk to be given to their members in May. Marches Poets produced around eighteen poems inspired by dark skies, which were displayed in Presteigne during Welsh Dark Skies week. The final event “Creatures of the Dark”, a talk given at the Assembly Rooms in Presteigne by the mammal recorder for Radnorshire, was also a success with over forty people attending. Although the weather during dark skies week was generally not conducive to astronomy, fine views of the crescent Moon were obtained through a local man’s telescope on Sunday the 22nd March. Many craters and mountains on the Moon were observed.
- Clun Town Council: A message had been received from a Clun Town Councillor. Clun Town Council was considering applying to become an International Dark Sky Community. Cllr. Harling-Bowen would give a short presentation to that Council on 14th April.
- Sawdays: Following an introduction by the Mayor, Cllr. Harling-Bowen was contacted by Canopy and Stars, a part of the Alastair Sawday’s tourism Group re. giving an interview for a magazine article. The article would not be used for promotional purposes. A draft of the interview will be supplied for consideration prior to publication. To take place on 25th March. It was noted that no specific holiday businesses should be mentioned during the interview but that the opportunity to stay at any of the many holiday businesses be promoted.
- Sustainable Landscape Sustainable Places Dark Sky Project Partnership: Cllr. Harling-Bowen had been invited to speak at the Sustainable Landscape Sustainable Places Dark Sky Project partnership, which is partnership made up of all 8 designated landscapes of Wales (Eryri, Bannau Brycheiniog and Pembrokeshire Coast National Parks and Clwydian Range, Llyn, Anglesey, Gower and Wye Valley National Landscapes on the 13th of May. It was possible a second Town Councillor could attend and anyone interested should let the Clerk know.
- Town Council Dark Skies Brochure: Members had all received details of the brochure previously produced and considered the need for an updated and revised version. It was agreed that the Working Group would look at producing an updated design.

(2) Climate and Environment Matters: Cllr. J. Ramsay reported that the biodiversity action plan was still to be drafted.

(3) Fold Farm DMMO Application Update: The following reply from PEDW was noted - *‘I note your frustration with the delay in this Right of Way Order matter. Unfortunately however, PEDW does not have any jurisdiction over Rights of Way orders at this stage of the process and the matter solely rests with the Order Making Authority (OMA). Although OMAs are responsible for collating the relevant evidence and submitting all documentation to PEDW where objections are received, there are no set timescales for this process and there can sometimes be delays caused by various issues including staffing shortages. Once Rights of Way Orders are submitted to PEDW they undergo a process of validation and the necessary procedure is confirmed with all parties. With regard to decision times, we have internal targets of 34 weeks for written cases, 32 weeks for hearings and 48 weeks for public inquiries.’* Cllr. Kirkby believed the correct process was not as stated and was awaiting the opinion of the Rambler’s Association.

(4) Car Parking ‘Free Days’: The Clerk confirmed that this had been arranged and would commence in the High Street (Shopper’s) Car park only, on 4th April and each following first Saturday in the month for a twelve month period. The free parking would be publicised as much as possible and it was agreed that to produce posters for distribution to local businesses and notice boards plus AO sized posters for a display board to be placed in the car park.

(5) Update re. Presteigne and Norton Roads: Members noted the reply from the Portfolio Holder but expressed extreme concern at the condition of roads locally. It was noted that a pedestrian had actually fallen due to a pothole in the town and that this had then been fixed with two hours. Cllr. Poulson-Haynes felt that even when repaired the standard was appalling and he felt a site meeting was needed so that officers could be shown the terrible condition of all the entrance roads to the town. The Clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting.

(6) Opportunity for Biodiversity Grants from OVW - Update: The Clerk had applied for all the items on the list and a number of items had already been received including a selection of plants, purple loosestrife seeds, three trees (plus stakes) and a pond dipping kit.

(7) High Street Grant Update: The Clerk and Cllr. Edwards reported on the current position regarding an application for further grants to improve shop frontages. Seven businesses had indicated an interest. However the Regeneration Team had now advised that the current budget was almost spent and that no applications were being sent on from the local panel stage at present. There was a possibility that if some premises currently awarded funding came in underspent or dropped out of the scheme then funding could become available. If not then the County Council hoped to apply for more funding next year. The Clerk had that day written to the seven businesses advising them of the situation and outlining what they needed to do if they still wished to be part of an application.

(8) Highways Complaints –

Meeting House Lane: A complaint had been received about the overall condition of this road and the Clerk had reported it to the County Council, as had Cllr. Edwards. It was noted that drains were also blocked along the lane as where the ones on Hare's Green.

Cllr. Preece left the room at this point having declared a prejudicial interest in the following item.

Request to make Pound Lane two-way traffic: Members considered the letter received from a resident asking that, given the refusal to alter the direction of traffic, the road be made two way. Cllr. Ross stated that he didn't feel this would be sensible and it was noted that as Highways would not permit the direction of traffic to be reversed then two-way traffic would also not be possible as it would mean using the exit deemed not suitable. Members did however note the concerns generally about safety at the bottom of the Lane and it was agreed to write to Highways to ask for the officer to visit and to see if anything could be done to improve the safety of both pedestrians and vehicles in that area.

Cllr. Preece returned to the room.

(9) Road at Combes Moor: Members noted the reply from Cllr. Gandy, however it was pointed out that all residents in Herefordshire paid their Council Tax and were entitled to have their roads maintained. It was noted that some potholes had been repaired but nowhere near all of them. The Clerk would respond to Cllr. Gandy.

Both the Clerk and Cllr. Baynham had received a complaint about the bridge on the Combe to Kinsham road which was the responsibility of Powys County Council. Cllr. Baynham had reported it.

MIN 4598 NORTON

(1) Speeding: This continued to be an issue. The local PCSO had been in Norton with the speed gun twice in recent weeks.

(2) Multiple Potholes: Cllr. Edwards continued to report these.

MIN 4599 SITES AND BUILDINGS

(1) Public Conveniences: The Clerk reported the following –

Wilson Terrace Toilets to re-open on 28th March.

Alarm in Hereford Street Toilets: Still awaiting replacement by electrician.

(2) Allotments: The following matters were discussed –

- PNAA AGM 25th March.
- Several vacant plots.
- Rental income coming in well.

(3) Meadows: The following matters were discussed –

- Update – Brilliant Basics Grant (paths): Final invoice now received. Rail in place and hedge plants in. Clerk to chase County Council Officer re. the rail at the Mill end of the footpath.
- Report on Orchard Pruning and proposal for Summer pruning day: Summer pruning day agreed. Successful pruning carried out in February.
- Meadow Use Request – Presteigne Carnival 10th to 12th July: Agreed.
- Presteigne Scouts – Proposed Works: Members noted the works planned by the Scouts including a fixed disabled access ramp to the Hut and installing a new door in place of an existing window. Members were pleased to support the works.
- Digging etc on Bike Track: Cllr. Edwards had met with some of the young people on site together with Mr. Graham. They had been told to stop digging however it was reported that digging had now possibly started on Eddie's Meadow. Cllr. Edwards proposed a further meeting with the young people to discuss options and to explain that the Meadow had to be safe for all so the leaving of tools, digging of large holes was not acceptable.

- Replacement of Posts, Scout Hut Car Park: The Clerk reported that seven of these had rotted badly and were in need of replacing. She had obtained a price for the new posts and also for a contractor to put these in place. Members agreed that the work should go ahead as quoted and were happy with either 6inch or 7 inch square posts.
- Date for Meadow Work Day/Cleaning of TC Tables etc.: Cllr. Preece would liaise with Mr. Graham to agree a date. Cllr. Edwards added that the tables and gazebos were in need of cleaning and should be done on a suitable day or on the work day itself.

(4) Nature Reserve Matters: Cllr. J. Ramsay reported that the materials so far received from One Voice Wales were now planted together with the new trees to fill the gap at the allotment car park. The top pond was holding water although the bottom pond was not but still functioned well as a wetland area. A Spring tasks list was being drawn up and it was hoped to include some events. A School student was interested in taking photographs to produce a photographic record of the site.

The Clerk advised that she had put the tree works on hold due to the very wet ground and asked for a decision on when the work should now take place. Cllr. Baynham pointed out that the work was needed on safety grounds and it was agreed that if possible the Clerk would arrange for the work to be carried out in the next two weeks.

MIN 4600 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Leisure Services Review: Cllr. Baynham was still waiting to meet the Portfolio Holder,

(2) Adoption of Telephone Kiosk – Update: Still waiting for the telephone service to be removed before BT would release the kiosk to the Town Council.

(3) Update re UK Town of Culture Competition: Members agreed support for the application and then considered the request that the Town Council be allocated the roles of Lead Applicant and Accountable Body. It was agreed to act as Lead Applicant but it was felt better that the County Council take on the role of Accountable Body. It was agreed that Cllr. Baynham would approach the County Council to again ask if it would be willing to do this. If this was refused then it was agreed that the Town Council would also take on the role of Accountable Body.

(4) Powys County Council Statutory Notice regarding proposals affecting Ysgol Calon Cymru and Builth Wells C.P. School: Cllr. Baynham explained the proposal involved a Welsh Medium through School in Builth Wells with students wishing to received education at an English Medium School having to attend Llandrindod Wells High School. This decision had been called into Committee for scrutiny. Members queried the need for a separate school and the pupil numbers expected. The Clerk was asked to write to ask for the details of the assessments carried out and data produced to illustrate a need.

(5) Report on latest Sustainable Powys Meeting: Cllr. Edwards had attended and would report later in the meeting.

MIN 4601 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr. Baynham reported the following:

- Potholes and Road Surfaces still a real problem locally.
- Council Tax to increase by 4.9%.
- Pre-Election Period soon to start prior to the Senedd elections in May.

Cllr. Edwards had nothing further to add.

MIN 4602 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION

(1) Sustainable Powys Meeting and Pride in Place Grants: Details of this grant had been received the previous Wednesday and £83,000 was available per town for up to two projects. Projects were to come from the Town Investment Plan and initial applications had to be in for 10th April.

As East Radnorshire Care was on the list of possible projects Cllr. Baynham declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the discussion and decision on projects to put forward.

Members went through the list of projects in the plan and following a discussion on the possibilities it was agreed to put forward the Old School (Presteigne Youth Project) and East Radnorshire Care for £41,500 each towards refurbishment of each building.

(2) Sustainable Powys Teams Meeting: Town and Community Council representatives were being sought for an online Teams meeting. No one put their name forward.

(3) Moving of Street Light, Broad Street/Church Close: Cllr. Kirkby reported that this was yet to be done.

- (4) Meadow Work Day: Now confirmed as 25th April.
- (5) White Lining, King's Court/By Pass: Still not done.
- (6) Gritting Schedules: Cllr. Owens reported that on more than one occasion he had seen the gritter out when the temperature was well above freezing. Cllr. Baynham would investigate.
- (7) Joules Outlet Fund Raising Sale: To be held at John Beddoes School on 18th April in aid of East Radnorshire Care. Tickets £6.

The meeting closed at 9.54 p.m.

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BUDGET UPDATE 2025/26

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Expenditures	Final 2025/26		
Council Administration Costs			
Mayor's Allowance - vired to expenses	1000	0.00	
Mayor's Expenses	500	136.80	
Clerk's Salary PAYE inclusive. See note 1 below	30,643	31886.65	
Audit Fee (Internal and External)	350	100.00	
Insurance (3 year agreement exp. 2/9/25)	1575	1728.93	
Membership of SLCC	300	300.00	
Stationery & Computer Sundries/Petty Cash inc computer repairs	800	724.64	
Video Conferencing Licence (zoom)	150	129.90	
One Voice Wales Annual fee	600	612.00	
Training/Conference Fees for Clerk	0	Reserve held	
Travelling and Misc Expenses	100	77.40	
Election Expenses (reserve held)	250	to allocated reserve	
Remuneration of Councillors/Cllr Expenses.	0	Reserve held	
Councillor Training.	0	Reserve held	
Information Commissioner Data Registration	35	47.00	
Website (inc under new project below for this year)	0	0.00	
Bank Charges Treasurer Account	110	33.00	
	36,413.00	35,776.32	
Donations and S137s			
Air Ambulance	250	250	
British Legion (Remembrance Wreaths)	75	75	
East Radnorshire Care	2000	2000	
Memorial Hall	1500	1500	
Mid Border Arts	1500	1500	
Presteigne and Norton Community Trust	2000	2000	
Presteigne and Norton Community Trust (Fireworks)	400	400	
PACDG	250	250	
Presteigne Festival	1500	1500	
Presteigne Fireworks Display (Sheep Music)	500	500	
The Judge's Lodging Trust Ltd	2000	2000	
Powys CAB	200	200	
The Samaritans	250	250	
Youth Project	1000	1000	
Miscellaneous	500	0	
	13,925.00	13,425.00	
Ongoing Projects:			
Anchorage Test for Xmas Lights	125	to allocated reserve	
Toilet Blocks (2) (£5000 reserves to be used for excess)	5000	11,275.25	
Devolved Services (inc Town Library Service)(reserve held)	0	Renamed from Library	
Presteigne Christmas Lights (installation)(inc donation to Fire Fighters)	1200	1198.32	
Wildflowers/ Bulbs/Verges/Roundabouts - 2024 via sponsorship	120	56.63	
Street Lighting/Dark Skies Project	0	See under new projects	
Climate Crisis Project Grants	0	use under allocated reserves	
Street Cleaning Arrangements	0	0	
Christmas Lights, Norton	0	0	
	6,445.00	12,530.20	
New Projects 2025-26			
New website	2300	2337	
Disabled Access Paths Meadow (Match Funding)	3000	3000.00	
New Storage Building (Match Funding)	3000	3000.00	
Christmas Lighting	3000	0.00	
Dark Skies Project	1500	151.50	
Additional for Devolved Services inc car parks/Leisure Centre	5,000	0	
	17,800.00	8,488.50	
Went's Meadow Site inc MUGA etc, Eddie's Meadow			
Weekly Inspections (inc defib checks)	1500	1408	
General Maintenance	1500	2353.08	
Dog Bags	2000	2130	
Grass Cutting/weed killing	4700	4307.93	
Professional Inspections	1365	1364.90	
MUGA / New Barn Reserve	2000	to allocated reserve	
Allotments (funded via rental income)	0	SEE BELOW	
Utilities	350	438.38	

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2025-26 - Project Balances at 31st March 2026		(Including 2025-26 Precept)					
Meadows (as bank balance)	7,521.55						
NB Allotment monies (Held in Meadow Acc)	-						
Allotment Deposits (held in Meadow Account (£140))	-						
Remuneration of Councillors	760.00						
Councillor Training	472.50						
Wildflower Mix / Bulbs	214.53						
Christmas Lights Anchorage Testing	698.80						
Renewal of Christmas lights	4177.95						
Toilets (both blocks)	23231.66						
Election Fund	7109.92						
Norton Lights	365.45						
Clerk's Training	233.00						
Devolved Services inc library	10854.00						
Xmas Lights Annual Costs	1229.93						
Norton General	0.00						
Dark Skies/Street Lighting	2,459.50						
Climate Crisis Grants	811.20						
MUGA/New Barn	17250.00						
	77,389.99						
Governance and accountability for local Councils in Wales - A Practitioners Guide recommends that free reserves of 3 to 12 months expenditure are held by local Councils							
Bank Balances at 31st March 2026							
7,521.55	Meadow						
30,630.12	Treasurer						
37,486.51	General Reserve						
50,000.00	Money Market Account						
0.00	less cheques to clear						
0.00	less approx projected spend to year end if applicable						
2527.89	VAT refund due Oct to present						
128166.07	Year End Balance						
Ear marked Reserves		77389.99					
Total Minimum Level Free Reserves		22,275					
Total Maximum Level Free Reserves		89,098					
99664.99		Minimum Total Balance rec'd Practitioners Guide (min. free reserve + allocated reserves)					
166487.99		Maximum Total Balance recommended - max free reserve plus allocated reserves					
NB ring fenced reserves - spending allowed on capital items only		£23,379					
Included in overall reserve balances							



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Date: 17/03/2026
Our Ref: PLA0093793
Your Ref: 26/0229/FUL

Dear Sir/Madam,

Grid Ref: SO313639 331339 263940

Site: Plot 5, Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne

Development: Erection of two general purpose industrial units and associated infrastructure.

We refer to your planning consultation relating to the above site, and we can provide the following comments in respect to the proposed development.

Firstly, with respect to the submitted application form and accompanying plans, we acknowledge that the development proposes to discharge foul and surface water flows to the sewer and a sustainable drainage system respectively.

The proposed development site is located in the catchment of a public sewerage system which drains to Presteigne Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) and ultimately discharges to a river Special Area of Conservation (SAC). We would advise that this WWTW has a phosphorus consent limit and is currently compliant with the 95% quartile for its flow passed forward (FPF) performance. In addition, we have considered the impact of foul flows generated by the proposed development and concluded that flows can be accommodated within the immediate public sewerage system.

Turning to surface water drainage, as of 7th January 2019, this proposed development is subject to Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. The development therefore requires approval of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) features, in accordance with the 'Statutory standards for sustainable drainage systems – designing, constructing, operating and maintaining surface water drainage systems'. In this instance, we offer no objection to proposals for disposal of surface water flows into a sustainable drainage system, in principle, subject to consultation and agreement with the regulatory body or riparian owner of this system.

Accordingly, if you are minded to grant planning consent for the above development, we would request that the following Condition and Advisory Notes are included within the consent to ensure no detriment to existing residents or the environment and to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water's assets:



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Condition

No surface water and/or land drainage shall be allowed to connect directly or indirectly with the public sewerage network.

Reason: To prevent hydraulic overloading of the public sewerage system, to protect the health and safety of existing residents and ensure no pollution of or detriment to the environment.

Advisory Notes

The applicant may need to apply to Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water for any connection to the public sewer under S106 of the Water Industry Act 1991. If the connection to the public sewer network is either via a lateral drain (i.e. a drain which extends beyond the connecting property boundary) or via a new sewer (i.e. serves more than one property), it is a mandatory requirement to first enter into a Section 104 Adoption Agreement (Water Industry Act 1991). The design of the sewers and lateral drains must also conform to the Welsh Ministers Standards for Gravity Foul Sewers and Lateral Drains, and conform with the publication "Sewers for Adoption" - 7th Edition. Further information can be obtained via the Developer Services pages of www.dwrcymru.com.

The applicant is also advised that some public sewers and lateral drains may not be recorded on our maps of public sewers because they were originally privately owned and were transferred into public ownership by nature of the Water Industry (Schemes for Adoption of Private Sewers) Regulations 2011. The presence of such assets may affect the proposal. In order to assist us in dealing with the proposal the applicant may contact Dwr Cymru Welsh Water. Under the Water Industry Act 1991 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water has rights of access to its apparatus at all times.

In accordance with Planning Policy Wales (Edition 12) and Technical Advice Note 12 (Design), the applicant is advised to take a sustainable approach in considering water supply in new development proposals, including utilising approaches that improve water efficiency and reduce water consumption. We would recommend that the applicant liaises with the relevant Local Authority Building Control department to discuss their water efficiency requirements.

As of 7th January 2019, this proposed development is subject to Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. The development therefore requires approval of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) features, in accordance with the 'Statutory standards for sustainable drainage systems – designing, constructing, operating and maintaining surface water drainage systems'. It is therefore recommended that the developer engage in consultation with Powys County Council, as the determining SuDS Approval Body (SAB), in relation to their proposals for SuDS features. Please note, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water is a statutory consultee to the SAB application process and will provide comments to any SuDS proposals by response to SAB consultation.



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If the development will give rise to a new discharge (or alter an existing discharge) of trade effluent, directly or indirectly to the public sewerage system, then a Discharge Consent under Section 118 of the Water Industry Act 1991 is required from Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water. Please note that the issuing of a Discharge Consent is independent of the planning process and a consent may be refused although planning permission is granted.

Dwr Cymru Welsh Water is not responsible for fire protection or for providing suitable fire flows. Providing fire flows and fire protection are the responsibility of the appropriate regional Fire Services. We refer you to the 3rd Edition of the National Guidance Document on the Provision of Water for Fire Fighting published by the Local Government Association and Water UK.

Our response is based on the information provided by your application. Should the proposal alter during the course of the application process we kindly request that we are re-consulted and reserve the right to make new representation.

If you have any queries please contact the undersigned on 0800 917 2652 or via email at developer.services@dwrcymru.com

Please quote our reference number in all communications and correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

Amy Marshall
Development Planning Officer
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Outlook

Response from Cllr. Jackie Charlton, Cabinet Member (Powys CC)

From Melanie Hardwick [redacted]
Date Fri 27/03/2026 10:49
To Tracey Price <presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com>

Our ref: MS3621-2026

Dear Tracey,

Thank you for your email dated 5th March with regard the general conditions of roads around Presteigne and Norton.

Powys County Council along with all other local authorities within Wales uses the guidance given by the County Surveyors of Wales and from this guidance creates its Highways Asset Management Plan for maintaining its highways. Within this document we demonstrate our road network hierarchy, inspection regime and repair regime based on the inspections undertaken. We would also investigate customer requests received through our website to investigate requests received.

The roads you mention within your requests are all up to date from these highways inspections and there are defects recorded which will be repaired as and when they are required to be done, based on the category of defect raised. From these highways inspections we also put forward multiple roads for Capital investment in resurfacing, but this pot of money will only allow us to resurface between 50 - 100km each financial year.

We have also this year given Highways an additional revenue budget from the Local Government Grant which has seen a lot of cyclic maintenance works especially around ditching and drainage which has been reduced previously due to budget cuts but will help with the long-term maintenance of our highways.

You may have also seen a recent press release which confirms an extra £2.5 million into our budget for capital expenditure. We have decided to focus on our road network and deliver an approach which helps to reach the 5500 kms of road network in Powys. This is just a drop in the ocean when we know that to deliver the full road maintenance across Powys would cost in the region of £800 to £900 million. Our objective is to make best use of this extra fund, and I sincerely hope that Presteigne will benefit.

I appreciate residents are not always happy with what they see as lack of road maintenance, but I can assure you that we are doing everything to improve this by looking at varying different avenues of funding to help Highways get back to where we would all like and expect to be.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted signature]

**County Councillor Jackie Charlton
Cabinet Member for a Greener Powys**



Croeso i chi gysylltu â ni yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb oedi. / You are welcome to contact us in Welsh. We will respond in Welsh, without delay.